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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education (M.A.T.)
Special Education General Curriculum Cognate
2020-2021 Degree Completion Plan

After completion of the required program coursework (including student teaching), content competencies (if applicable), and the passing of licensure tests, the graduate of this program would be eligible for a VA state teaching license.

CORE COURSES (15 hours)		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3		
EDSP 522	Special Education & Disability Law	3		
EDSP 622	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3		
EDUC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3		
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3		

SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM COGNATE (15 hours)				
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3		
EDSP 525	Transition & Assessment for Exceptional Learners[1,2]	3		
EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3		
EDUC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition[2,3]	3		
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3		

GATE & FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)				
EDGT 520	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure[5]	0		
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II[1,2]	0		
EDUC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I[2,3]	0		

STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)				
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education[2]	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDST 590	Student Teaching: Local[2,4,5]	3		
EDST 591	Student Teaching: Local – Own Classroom[2,4,5]	3		
EDST 592	Student Teaching: External[2,4,5]	3		
EDST 593	Student Teaching: External – Own Classroom[2,4,5]	3		
	TOTAL HOURS	**36**		

Graduation Requirements

Complete 36 hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level

3.0 GPA

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Degree must be completed within 5 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

[1] EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

[2] Background check clearance required (EDUC 554, 588, EDSP 525, 688, EDST 587, 590, 591, 592, 593)

[3] EDUC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 588

[4] **International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593 to count as part of their residency requirement

[5] Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593. Course and section number will be designated during EDGT 580

Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester		
EDUC 504 (B-Term)		3	EDSP 622 (B-Term)		3
EDGT 520 (B-Term)		0	EDUC 571 (B-Term)		3
EDSP 521 (D-Term)		3	EDSP 524 (D-Term)		3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)		0		Total	9
	Total	6			

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
EDUC 588 (A-Term)[1, 2]		0	EDGT 580 (A-Term)[1, 3]		0
EDUC 554 (B-Term)[2]		3	EDSP 688 (A-Term)[1, 2]		0
EDUC 623 (B-Term)		3	EDSP 525 (B-Term)[2]		3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)		3	EDUC 530 (D-Term)		3
	Total	9		Total	6

Fifth Semester		
EDST 59_ (A-Term)[1, 2]		3
EDST 587 (B-Term)[1, 2]		3
	Total	6

Notes

[1]Should not be taken during the summer semester

[2]Background check clearance required

[3]Should be taken the semester before student teaching